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Carolyn Murphy
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RE: Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay, Texas, Coastal Storm Risk Management and Ecosystem Restoration Draft Integrated Feasibility Report (DIFR)-Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

Dear Ms. Murphy:

Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and the Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, is reviewing the proposed Galveston District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay, Texas, Coastal Storm Risk Management and Ecosystem Restoration Draft Integrated Feasibility Report (DIFR)-Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

We understand that the DEIS review and comment period ends on Monday, October 26, 2015. However, due to the complexity of the project, and the associated environment impacts; EPA does not have sufficient time to develop a complete, thorough, and coordinated review within the time constraints allowed. Additional review time is needed to assure EPA's concerns are fully identified and coordinated for consistency within our Agency. As we discussed with Janelle Stokes of your staff, on October 20th, the additional time is warranted to facilitate additional discussion and coordination with your agency, if needed. EPA is seeking a fourteen (14) consecutive day extension of the *EPA's review and comment period* ending on Monday, November 09, 2015. We plan to have our comments to you on or before this date.

We hope this additional time has not inconvenienced you; however, this extension is necessary to assure that EPA's concerns are complete and consistent for the EIS being developed. If you have any questions, please contact me at 214-665-7451 or by e-mail at jansky.michael@epa.gov respectively, for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Jansky".

Michael Jansky (6ENXP)
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